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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/987,345
Filing Date	November 14, 2001
First Named Inventor	Takeshi KONNO
Group Art Unit	1732
Examiner Name	Monica Fontaine
Attorney Docket Number	59557.00004

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 1, 2005
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2222
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 06/02/2005 SDENBOB1 00000013 09987345
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,690.00 Enclosed

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi KONNO

Art Unit: 1732

Application No.: 09/987,345

Examiner: Monica A. Fontaine

Filed: November 14, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 59557.00004

For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE
CAPABLE OF REDUCING VARIATIONS IN WEIGHT OF MOLDED PRODUCTS

SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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June 1, 2005

Sir:

The subject submission is in response to the Advisory Action dated April 26, 2005 and the Official Action dated December 1, 2004, in the above-referenced application, with the period for response being extended from March 1, 2005 to June 1, 2005. This submission accompanies a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, and includes an appropriate extension of time.

Remarks are submitted on page 2.